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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on the next report.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. To the State Board of Health we have five appointments. Timothy Crockett, a new appointment, and he's an engineer that lives in Omaha. Number two is Kent Forney, a reappointment, veterinarian from Lincoln. Senator Foley appeared in support of his confirmation. Number three was Clinton Schafer, also a new appointment, a podiatrist from North Platte and chief of staff of the Great Plains Medical Center. Senator Pederson appeared in support of his confirmation. Number four is Jerry Vaughan, a reappointment. He's an optometrist from Broken Bow, and Senator Jones appeared in support of his confirmation. And the last, number five, Gwen Weber, a new appointment, professor of social work at UNO, a licensed social worker and marriage and family therapist. Mr. President, I would move the adoption of this report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on the report offered by the Health and Human Services Committee. Open for discussion. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Pederson's staff had asked me to read this statement in support of Dr. Schafer. But being Senator Pederson has just shown up, I'm going to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Pederson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Hello. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I'm very pleased to stand here and support the confirmation of Clint Schafer, from North Platte, to the Board of Health. Dr. Schafer is currently the chief of staff at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center. He's a podiatrist. I think it's unique and very unusual for a podiatrist to have been selected as a chief of staff. He's a very quality person. One of the good things about him is, he took his residency at Norwegian American Hospital, and that's got to be good. And I